RESOLUTION No. 23

Introduction of Colour-Box system for the next General Elections

Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi):* Sir, the resolution standing in my name is the following.—"*The Council recommends to Government that colour-box system be introduced at all the Polling stations for the next general elections.*"

Now the colour-box system is introduced so far as the general elections to the Legislative Council are concerned. I want that system to be extended to the general elections of the Municipalities also.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* That does not come in the ambit of this resolution.

Deputy President: General election means general election of the Legislative Council.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi):* In that case, I don't move this resolution.

Resolution not moved

RESOLUTION No. 24

Preference to local men for appointments in Municipalities and Town Councils

*Mr. T. S. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Chittur-Tattamangalam):* Sir, I move the following resolution.—"*This Council recommends to the Government to give preference to local men when making appointments in Municipalities and Town Councils.*"

The residents of municipal areas pay all the taxes which go and fill the general revenues of the State in addition to what is paid by way of ever-so-many local taxes such as the house tax, scavenging tax, special license fees, the municipal land tax, etc. So it stands to reason, and it will be only in the fitness of things if in such appointments preference is given to local men. That is one aspect of the matter.

Another aspect is, in the interest of efficiency also we require this. We find that people from rural areas, say from Andikadavu or Chellanam, are appointed as Bill Collectors in the Tattamangalam Municipality. It would take them at least 5—6 months to get some local knowledge of the persons, the houses and the locality itself. To make them know of these places at least two people will have to

*Speech not corrected by the hon'ble member.

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